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Security Council

10:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Cyprus (S/2013/7) Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
15:00	6902nd meeting [webcast] 1. Adoption of the agenda 2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire Thirty-first progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2012/964)	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01
Afternoon[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed) UNOCI (S/2012/964) Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6902nd meeting of the Council.

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Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 21 January 2013, in the Security Council Chamber Room GA-TSC-01, in connection with the agenda item "United Nations peacekeeping operations" (United Nations Peacekeeping: a multidimensional approach).

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on Tuesday, 22 January 2013, at 10:00 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on priorities for 2013. Member States are encouraged to attend *at the ambassadorial level*.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the Executive Board of UN-Women *today*, 17 January 2013, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). Observer delegations are also welcome to attend.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal briefing

The Chair of the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, Mrs. Sewa Lamsal Adhikari (Nepal), will hold an informal briefing for all interested delegations on the programme of work of the fifty-first session of the Commission, *today*, 17 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation on the UNDP programming arrangements *today*, 17 January 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other activities

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Training for least developed country delegations on the use of the new Support Measures Portal for Least Developed Countries (www.un.org/ldcportal) (organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 12:00 to 14:00, in Conference Room S-2728 (Secretariat Building).

[All least developed country delegations are invited to attend and kindly requested to bring their own laptop (if possible) to allow for interactive training activities. For further information, please contact Ms. Katherine McHenry, DESA (e-mail mchenry@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6430).]

Launch of the *2012 Global Go-To Think Tanks Index* (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Julia Lee or Ms. Valentina Terzi, UNU (e-mail unudo@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 17 January 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252 for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a), (b) and (c), 111 (f), (g) and (h), 112 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (e), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Friday, 18 January 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on gender and peacekeeping and sexual violence in conflict;

Wednesday, 23 January 2013, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB): on civil affairs; and

Friday, 25 January 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB): on peacekeeping, peacebuilding and transitions.

2013 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2013 substantive session from Tuesday, 19 February, to Friday, 15 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2013/L.1. The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee is contained in documents A/67/632 and A/67/632/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the Web site of the Special Committee (https://www.c34.unlb.org). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (19–20 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed in the conference room should provide an additional 200 copies.

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at https://www.c34.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
First regular session of 2013

The first regular session of 2013 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Wednesday, 23, and Thursday, 24 January, 2013, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2013/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list (e-mail stefania.letta@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 18 January 2013*.

The upcoming first regular session 2013 will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will take place on Monday, 4 February 2013, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The joint meeting will be PaperSmart.

Economic and Social Council
Organizational session for 2013

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Friday, 25 January 2013, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of its Bureau for 2013. The provisional annotated agenda for the organizational session will be issued in document E/2013/2.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-first session

The fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 6, to Friday, 15 February 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6 February, at 10:00 in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2013/1. For further information on the fifty-first and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Padayachi, of the composition of their delegations (e-mail padayachi39@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 1 February 2013*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) (Priority theme: Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all) will begin on Wednesday, 6 February 2013, following the opening of the session. For further details, please consult the programme of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2013/1.

The list of speakers will be opened on Monday, 21 January 2013. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list should inform Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are requested to bring 250 copies of statements for general distribution or at least 30 copies for distribution to conference services. Delegates are also requested to provide an electronic version of their statement to lamrabat@un.org, so that statements could be made available on the Commission's Web site.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-first session of the Commission is accessible by *clicking here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2013 regular session

The 2013 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 21, to Thursday, 30 January, and on Friday, 8 February 2013, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/C.2/2013/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (c/o Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; room S-3057)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the Web site of the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing its officers for 2013, on Friday, 18 January 2013, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Informal briefing

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the end-of-cycle review of the medium-term strategic plan for 2006-2013 and on the outline of the medium-term strategic plan for 2014-2017, on Friday, 18 January 2013, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (5–8 February 2013) will take place on Friday, 25 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The pre-session briefing will be combined with an informal briefing on the UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2011 and the report of the Board of Auditors.

First regular session

The 2013 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 5, to Friday, 8 February 2013, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2013/1*. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board by e-mail (jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org) or fax (1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 25 January 2013*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2013 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board Web site.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' web page, as per established practice. In addition, the Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' web page that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to make statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' web page on the UNICEF Executive Board Web site.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board Web site.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will take place on Monday, 4 February 2013, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The joint meeting will be PaperSmart.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultation

An informal consultation on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2010-2011, will take place on Friday, 18 January 2013, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session 2013

The first regular session 2013 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 28 January, to Friday, 1 February 2013, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and workplan for the session are contained in document DP/2013/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member), as well as any requests to be subscribed to the speakers list, indicating the item under which they will be intervening, to the secretariat of the Executive Board by e-mail (marcela.tomeo@undp.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 21 January 2013*.

The upcoming first regular session 2013 will be the first PaperSmart session of the Executive Board. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Joint informal consultation

The Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women will hold a joint informal consultation on the road map towards an integrated budget in 2014 onwards, and on cost recovery (update) (decision 2012/27), on Friday, 25 January 2013, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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African Group (on Second Committee matters)

Friday, 18 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A (NLB).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 18 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 24 January 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Group of Eastern European States (monthly meeting)

Monday, 25 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Friday, 25 January 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Poverty eradication through sustainable transport" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Netherlands and Thailand, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Monday, 21 January 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please send an e-mail to nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl. For further information, please contact Ms. Vera Kuipers, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail vera.kuipers@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9711).]

Briefing and informal discussion on the "Global thematic consultation on population dynamics in the context of the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and Switzerland)

Tuesday, 22 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Bettina Etter, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail bettina.etter@eda.admin.ch).]

Seminar on "Prevention of genocide" (co-organized by the UNITAR New York Office and the Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide)

Wednesday, 23, and Thursday, 24 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

International Expert Group Meeting on "Indigenous youth: Identity, challenges and hope: Articles 14, 17, 21 and 25 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Council (DESA))

Tuesday, 29, to Thursday, 31 January 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Broddi Sigurðarson, DESA (e-mail sigurdarson@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2106); or *click here*.]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Overview of the Legal Library (from 16:00 to 17:00)

Today, 17 January 2013.

Advanced research using subscription databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Wednesday, 23 January 2013.

Security Council documentation (new) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 24 January 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Friday, 25 January 2013.

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 29 January 2013.

Introduction to e-Books (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 31 January 2013.

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here* for general information);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers; and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2013

Applications for the 2013 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 24 June, to Friday, 2 August 2013, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Thursday, 31 January 2013*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in English this year. For further information, including application forms, pleas consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site at www.un.or law/ilfp; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Survey of Conference Services

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations to respond to the online *Survey of Conference Services*. This eSurvey aims to assess client satisfaction. Feedback from delegations will highlight areas for improvement in the quality of the services delivered by DGACM.

The eSurvey is accessible online on the following Web sites: http://unmeetings.org/limesurvey/index.php/survey/index?sid=969838&lang=en; DGACM www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/; and deleGATE (iSeek portal for Member States) www.un.int/wcm/content/site/portal.

DGACM welcomes questions or comments pertaining to this eSurvey, which can be addressed to DGACM-Feedback@un.org. The participation of delegations in this eSurvey is appreciated.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 16 January 2013

Security Council

6901st meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 16 January 2013, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 6901st meeting in private with the troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

"The Security Council and the troop- and police-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Ms. Lisa Buttenheim, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

"Members of the Council, Ms. Buttenheim and representatives of participating contributing countries had an exchange of views."

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980

Partial withdrawal of declaration made upon approval: China (16 January 2013)

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Portugal (15 January 2013)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Congo
His Excellency Raymond Serge Balé

Asia-Pacific States:
Papua New Guinea
His Excellency Robert Guba Aisi

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Agshin Mehdiyev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
His Excellency Enrique Román-Morey

Western European and other States:
Denmark
His Excellency Carsten Staur

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (room S-2472; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; fax 1 (917) 367-0406).

Web of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Recorded information

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